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BUTTS COUNTY ROAD 230 BRIDGE
(BRIDGE No. 035/00230/X/00048X)
Spanning Indian Creek on County Road 230
Jenkinsbury Vicinity
Butts County
Georgia

HAER No. GA-71

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
National Park Service
Southeast Region
Department of the Interior
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Location: Spanning Indian Creek on County Road 230 southwest of the town of Jenkinsburg, Butts County, Georgia

Date(s) of Construction: 1929 (GDOT Maintenance Records)

Present Owner: Butts County

Present Use: Vehicular Bridge

Significance: GDOT Bridge #035/00230/X/00048E is representative of the Pratt pony truss bridge. It is one of ten Pratt pony truss bridges recorded in the State. It is the only such bridge in Butts County. Based on the context of the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey, this structure fits into the era of "historic" bridge building in Georgia.

Historian: Susan Shepherd Prosser, August, 1987

GDOT Bridge #035/00230/X/00048E is a one span Pratt pony truss . This bridge measures 60 feet by 143 feet. It is one of ten Pratt pony truss bridges recorded in the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey. It is the only such bridge recorded in Butts County.

The bridge does not possess a bridge plate. However, according to GDOT Maintenance records, the bridge was constructed in 1929. The historical context of this bridge is unknown. The Georgia Department of Transportation was established in 1916. Prior to the establishment of GDOT the responsibility of roads and bridges in Georgia rested with the counties. It has been found from researching a number of bridges on the Georgia Historic Bridge Survey that records of construction of bridges were rarely kept. Therefore, unless the bridge possesses a bridge plate identifying the date of construction, the bridge company or the county officers at the time of construction, it is virtually impossible to associate the bridge with historic events, periods, activities or people.

Sources

GDOT Maintenance Records

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Historic Bridge
Survey

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